**FYLDE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**

**NOTIFICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON 9 NOVEMBER, 2016, TO BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, POULTON, COMMENCING AT 8.00 P.M.**

Dear Member,

Please be advised that the Committee has decided that an EGM be called so that the membership can decide on proposed changes to the CLUB RULES.

Our current Rule 15 requires a minimum of 25 Full members to be in attendance at an AGM or EGM and that a majority of 60% of those eligible to vote at the meeting be in favour of the proposed changes (amendments) to existing rules. We urge you to make every effort to attend the EGM on the 12 October for the benefit of your Club. After the conclusion of official business, the first social of the Autumn season will take place.

The first proposal to be voted on is the establishment of a new category of associate members within the FMC. The proposals are set out formally below, together with the purposes and principles for the creation of this new category.

**Associate members**

Proposed rule changes to go before the EGM November 2016.

Proposal. One:-.

That there shall be an additional rule to allow the FMC to have associate members:- **rule 3.10**

**There will be a category of Associate Member as detailed in appendix 2.**

Proposal Two:- To accept Appendix 2

**Appendix 2… Associate members**

**Purpose**

To provide a lower cost way for long standing members to continue their association with the FMC

rather than resign due to inactivity.

**Qualification**

Associate membership would be open to anyone who has been a long standing member (more

than 20 years in total) of the FMC and who no longer participates in mountaineering activities.

Applications will be considered by the committee.

**Principles**

1. They will be associate members of the FMC and not declared to the BMC as club members.

They will not be entitled to any BMC benefits, that is, BMC third party liability insurance, the Summit

Magazine or a BMC membership / discount card.

2. They must accept responsibility for their own actions and agree not to instigate claims for

misadventure against the FMC

3. They will pay a reduced membership subscription of £10 a year.

4. They will be entitled to hut access and stay in the huts paying members rates.

5. They will be entitled to attend club social events including the annual dinner.

6. They will not participate in any club mountaineering activity. However they will be able to join in

the social element, for example, they could not enter the fell race but could attend the follow up meal.

7. They cannot hold an official position – committee member, trustee etc.

8. They will be entitled to vote at any AGM / EGM.

9. They will receive all club communications – general postings and emails, *What’s On* and the

FMC Magazine.

10.They will have the right to revert to full membership upon payment of the appropriate fee.

11.They will otherwise be subject to all other club rules.

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The second set of rule changes to be voted on would make membership more attractive for prospective new members.

The committee has been discussing ways of attracting new members to the club. Among other initiatives we are suggesting reducing the membership fees for new introductory members, limited to one year per person.  This strategy cannot be implemented without changing the club rules.

Two changes are proposed:-

3. Rule 5.1  It is proposed that  the first sentence of this rule is removed.

  (There *shall be an entrance fee for new members)*

4. It is proposed that there is a new Rule 5.6

**The committee shall have the power to offer new introductory members a reduced subscription. This reduction is for one year per applicant only**.

**AGENDA FOR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL TO BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, POULTON ON 9 NOVEMBER, 2016**

7.30-8pm Pie and peas

8.00pm Formal meeting commences

1. Chairman’s introductory remarks
2. Proposal 1-that there should be an additional rule to allow the FMC to have associate members, Rule 3 .10. The proposal to be introduced by a committee member.
3. Discussion of Proposal 1
4. A vote to be taken on Proposal 1.
5. Proposal 2, to accept that there will be a category of associate member as detailed in Appendix 2. The proposal to be introduced by a committee member.
6. Discussion of Proposal 2
7. A vote to be taken on Proposal 2.
8. Proposal 3, to remove the first sentence of rule 5.1 The proposal to be introduced by a committee member
9. Discussion of Proposal 3
10. A vote to be taken on Proposal 3
11. Proposal 4, it is proposed that there is a new Rule 5.6. The proposal to be introduced by a committee member.
12. Discussion of Proposal 4
13. A vote to be taken on proposal 4
14. Chairman’s concluding remarks

The formal meeting is concluded and the social evening begins